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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EIND, DR

SUBJ: LEGISLATIVE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CERTAIN FOREIGN

FIRMS

1. DURING MEETING TODAY WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER, AMBASSADOR RAISED QUESTION OF LEGISLATION WHICH HAD PASSED BOTH HOUSES WHICH IF SIGNED WOULD DISCRIMINATE AGAINST CERTAIN FOREIGN FIRMS. CURRENT LEGISLATION (LAW 173) PROVIDES THAT AN EMPLOYEE OF ANY PRIVATE FIRM WHEN SEPARATED IS ENTITLED TO FIFTEEN DAYS PAY FOR EVERY YEAR EMPLOYED. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THIS LAW PROVIDES THAT THE CASE OF EMPLOYEES OF FOREIGN FIRMS REPRESENTED BUT NOT DOMICILED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC THE COMPENSATION UPON SEPARATION WILL BE ONE AND ONE-HALF MONTH'S PAY PER YEAR SERVED. AMBASSADOR CHARACTERIZED THE PROPOSED LAW AS DISCRIMINATORY AGAINST FOREIGN FIRMS WHICH IN PRACTICE MEANT US FIRMS, AND CONTRARY TO THE PRESIDENT'S DESIRE TO MAINTAIN AN ATMOSPHERE FAVORABLE TO FOREIGN INVESTMENT.

2. THE PRESIDENT HAD NOT BEEN APPRISED EARLIER OF THE PROPOSAL AND INDICATED HE WOULD VETO IT, SAYING THAT HE CONCURRED FULLY IN THE POINT OF VIEW EXPRESSED BY THE AMBASSADOR.

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